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privates and 29 officers have been sent to Manaos, while 74 privates and 3 officers have died here."

This report is dated February 15, but, unfortunately, the nature of the illness is not stated.

Plague at Para.

Under date of the 15th instant, a press dispatch from Belem (Para), Brazil, states that on the preceding day two new cases of bubonic plague had been verified.

Sanitary conditions at Diamantina, State of Minas Geraes.

Diamantina is an old mining town with an estimated population of from 5,000 to 8,000 or 10,000. There has never been any yellow fever here, nor, as far as can be learned, any epidemic of cholera, plague, or anything of the kind. There is a good deal of syphilis and some years a good deal of typhoid fever. The cases of smallpox are few and isolated. The causes of death are as varied as elsewhere. The climate ought to be healthful, but it is supposed that most of the people have more or less of the poison of paludism in their blood. Paludism, or paludal fever, does not exist here in Diamantina itself, but in different lower lying parts of the country around here.

There is no sewer system, a very poor water system, and sanitary conditions are unknown.

CANADA.

Inspection of immigrants at St. John, New Brunswick.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Billings reports, March 14, as follows: Week ended March 5, 1904: Number of immigrants inspected, 156; number passed, 155; number detained, 1.

CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Immigrants recommended for rejection.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McMullen reports, January 28, as follows: Number of immigrants, per steamship *Doric*, recommended, January 28, for rejection: For Honolulu, 1; for San Francisco, 5.

Report from Shanghai—Smallpox at Shanghai and Tientsin—Disease reported among cattle shipped to Manila.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, February 10, as follows: During the week ended February 6, 1904, 3 vessels were inspected, 195 crew, 37 cabin and 20 steerage passengers; 20 pieces of personal baggage of steerage passengers were disinfected, and the holds between decks and upper decks of 1 vessel were washed down with 1:800 solution bichloride. Ten immigration examinations were made with 1 rejection for syphilis. Manifests were viséed for 8,567 pieces of freight and 6 pieces of freight were rejected.

The report of the municipal health officer for the week shows small-